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May 25, 2001

The Honorable John N. Hostettler  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hostettler:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2001, and I sincerely appreciate your confidence and kind words. I want you to know that I am committed to focusing all of the Department's efforts on the real needs of the people we serve, and that our programs are well-administered, accountable and effective.

I share your views on the Communities for Safer Guns Coalition. HUD no longer participates in the Coalition or supports its efforts. Under my administration, HUD will direct its resources, talents and energies to our core mission. I believe that a far greater public benefit will be achieved if we faithfully and consistently address the housing and community revitalization challenges that our communities face.

The President's proposed FY 2002 budget for the Department is proof that we are faithful to our mission. It seeks to expand homeownership opportunities for more Americans; maintain and increase America's affordable housing stock; promote and enforce fair housing; and support local economic opportunity and development.

I will seek your support in facing these challenges, and I look forward to working with you to meet our common goals.

Sincerely,

Mel Martinez

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The Honorable Mel Martinez  
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
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Dear Secretary Martinez:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the office of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We extend to you the highest of hopes and are confidently assured in both your wisdom and experience for the task at hand.

We would like to take this time to share our views regarding the *Communities for Safer Guns Coalition* created by your predecessor, Secretary Andrew Cuomo. This initiative is the coercive mechanism by which HUD urges states, counties, and cities to show a preference in buying guns for law enforcement to manufacturers who enter into settlement agreements, such as in the case of Smith & Wesson. These agreements contain numerous provisions which infringe on lawful gun owners.

As you are probably aware, the House of Representatives voiced its disapproval of this HUD-created initiative when it passed the Hostettler Amendment to the HUD FY2001 Appropriations Bill by a vote of 218-207.

We believe, and are hopeful that you will concur, that HUD has more than enough challenges in its efforts to create opportunities for people in the areas of home ownership, low-income housing assistance, and enforcement of the nation's fair housing laws. Moreover, HUD's mission should not include activities that will, among other issues, result in our law enforcement officers' weapon selection being based on political concerns rather than merit. We urge you, therefore, to put a halt to former Secretary Cuomo's unauthorized program as soon as possible.

Again, congratulations. We look forward to working with you as you strive to improve the quality of life for the people of our great country.

Sincerely,

  
John N. Hostettler  
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